

ST PAUL'S PARISH NEWS 2ND OCTOBER 2025

Sunday Worship – 5th October 2025 Trinity 16

8:00am - BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

9:45am – Holy Communion at St Paul's Church, Scotforth Road

11:15am – Holy Communion at St Paul's, Hala

12:30pm – Baptisms at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Wednesday 8th October at 9:00am – Morning Prayer
by telephone conference resumes

Please contact Margaret Ives if you would like to join the telephone conference

Thursday at 9:15am - Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Road

Parish Diary:

Date & Time	Name of Event
Monday 6th October at 10:00am	Funeral of Enid Ashton in Church
Monday 6th October at 2:00pm	Tea@2 at the Parish Hall, Scotforth Road
Monday 6th October at 7:30pm	PCC Meeting at the Parish Hall, Scotforth Road
Wednesday 8th October from 2pm	Gardening with the Garden Team at St Paul's Church – all welcome
Sunday 12th October 8:00am 9:45am 11:15am 6:30pm	BCP Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Holy Communion at St Paul's, Scotforth Service of the Word at St Paul's, Hala Evening Prayer at St Paul's, Scotforth Road



***Worshipping God,
Growing in Faith,
Serving the Community.***

FOR OUR PRAYERS

Our mission Partners: For Stephen and Marit Impey's work with Wycliffe Bible Translators International.

From our Parish prayer diary: Church Avenue, St Paul's Drive, St Paul's Road

From our Church prayer diary: Our funeral vergers

We pray for the parents, godparents and family of Lucas James and Buckley Robert who are to be baptised this week

Those who have asked for prayers for healing: Mary Wilson, Mary Smith, John Harding, Ian Smith, Phil Simpson, Irene Harper, Heather Richardson, Liz Field

All who mourn: Michael Nicholson, Enid Ashton

Collect for Sunday 5th October:

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings for Sunday 5th October:

2 Timothy 1.1-14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.

⁴Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline. ⁸Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, ⁹who

saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. ¹¹For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, ¹²and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. ¹³Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

Luke 17.5-10

⁵ The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!' ⁶The Lord replied, 'If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. ⁷ 'Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? ⁸Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? ⁹Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!"'

Post Communion prayer for Sunday 5th October:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Readings for next week:

Jeremiah 29.1, 4-7; Psalm 66.1-11; 2 Timothy 2.8-15; Luke 17.11-19

Women's Fellowship

We will be meeting on Monday 13th October, at 2:00pm the Parish Hall when we will be collecting subs; and Arton Medd will be our guest speaker.

Jean Mount

Submissions for the Parish News: The deadline each week is **Tuesday at 11:30am**, but we can always add contributions to the following week's Parish News. We look forward to receiving your contributions and supporting each other in the Body of Christ. Please email the parish office, leave a message on the answer machine for a telephone submission or post/leave an article for the Parish Office in the Parish Hall letter box.



Contactless Giving in Church is available:

Our machine is at the back of church so that on your way out, rather than giving a cash donation, you could consider giving by card.

Celebrating '150' Years of St Paul's

As you will already know, in 2026 St Paul's will be celebrating its 150th birthday. We would love to have some information from you!

Were you baptised, confirmed, married in St Paul's church; or perhaps one of your relations was? Do you still have that special dress! Were you a member of any group within the church? Have you any photos, newspaper cuttings or information about any events or activities which have taken place in church, especially from many years ago? Can you remember celebrations to mark the 100th anniversary? Did you have older family members who were involved with St Paul's? Is there something special you could write about?

Please do help to make next year really interesting by providing us with as much information as you can.

We would like your contributions as soon as you are able, but to give you time to look through drawers and cupboards to see what you can find, we would appreciate receiving them **by the end of October**.

Information and contributions to Christine Medd in the following ways:

Email arton.medd@btinternet.com

Phone: 01524 64730; Address: 65 Winchester Ave; In church at 9.45am Sunday services

Christine Medd, on behalf of the '150' working group

Fun Church:

This is a reminder to all parents that we do need to have completed paperwork for your child to attend Fun Church across the road in the Parish Hall during the 9.45am service. If it's your child's first time attending then they will be given a registration pack which they will give to you. Where possible, please can you complete this at the end of the service and hand it in to Jayne or Keith (wardens) or Rev Catherine. If your child attends for a second time and we don't have their paperwork they will be brought back over to church and returned to you. This is for your child's health, safety and well-being - we need to have contact information, any relevant medical information in case of emergencies. Thank you for your co-operation.

Jayne

Open Deanery Synod Meeting:

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will be on **Wednesday 15th October at 7-for 7.30pm** to be held at St Thomas' Church, Marton Street, Lancaster, LA1 1XX. This is an open meeting and if you would to attend for what promises to be a really important, informative and stimulating evening led by Professor John Whitton, North West Regional Net Carbon Zero Fundraising Officer. John will give us a presentation on the Church of England Net Zero Programme, where we are up to in the North West, with a case study on community energy in Blackburn. The discussion will focus on how all our churches can be supported in our own journey to Net Zero.

Phil Simpson, Deanery Synod Representative

Secondary School Admissions Meetings – Last chance to book for form signing:

We are now taking bookings for Ripley St Thomas Church of England High School Supplementary Forms to be signed. There will be two evenings – Tuesday 7th October and Wednesday 8th October between 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Please contact the office by telephone to make an appointment (9.30-12 noon Mon - Fri) or email: office@stpauls-scotforth.org

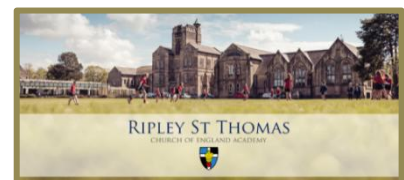
In order to make an appointment we will need the following information:

- Preferred date;
- Your name;
- Your child's name;
- Your child's school;
- Your contact telephone number.

If you email the office for an appointment you will receive a

confirmation email stating the date and time of your appointment.

Please remember that you will need to bring your school admission green card with you and the supplemental form you received in your RST prospectus pack. Please note, only one parent needs to attend the meeting in order to reduce any possible congestion in the Parish Hall.



Do you have a spare copy of 100th and 125th St Paul's booklet?

I wonder if anyone has a spare copy of the 100th (Wilfred Wolfendale) and 125th (Peter Gedge - blue) previous anniversary books please.

We are preparing a brand-new booklet for the 150th Anniversary next year and would like to have links to digital copies of the previous booklets

included so we have easy access to all the historic information of both previous guidebooks. What this requires though is a spare copy of each previous booklet that we can send off and have made into a digital book. The only problem with this is that the process of making the digital book removes the spine! If anyone therefore has a copy of either previous anniversary books can you please donate it so we don't have to use the rare copies that survive in church? It would be much appreciated. Please leave at church/Hala/office or tell me where to collect: jim.currin@me.com. Thank you!

Jim Currin



Message from Mary Wilson:

May I thank Phil Simpson for delivering my Parish News for a while now during my illness; and thanks to Bill for continued deliveries. Wishing Phil 'all the best', and I'm looking forward to seeing him at Church soon – our prayers are with him.

Here's a photo taken by my son whilst we had a few days away - with my son and his wife. It was quite cold, hence the rain coat! Can you guess where we were? Yes! It was the Isle of Man. The Great Laxey Wheel is in the background, and the church tote bag shows up well. Love and blessings to all. **Mary**

To All Singers:

If you enjoy singing and would like to join with a group to sing at the Christmas carol service and at a concert early next year for the St Paul's 150th celebrations, irrespective of which Sunday or Thursday service you attend, please do continue reading!

I am trying to arrange rehearsals at various times – not always the same each week – so that members of all our congregations are given the opportunity to take part.



Some thoughts as to possible rehearsal times are Sunday from 9.00-9.30 am; Sunday from 11.00-11.30am; Thursday from 10.15am or mid-week evening from 7.00 or 7.30pm. Some of these times will only be appropriate if there are people from those services who wish to sing. In order to help with arrangements and to know numbers of music copies required, please could you be kind enough to let me know if you intend to sing, either by meeting together after the 9.45am service this coming Sunday, or by contacting me by phone: 01524 64730 or email: arton.medd@btinternet.com

We need a really big group of enthusiastic singers – so please don't be shy, or think that your voice isn't good enough.

Christine Medd





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